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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Applicant's response of 12/2/04 is found to be non-responsive. The election states that applicant has elected to prosecute claims 22-25 (group V); however, applicant has added new claims 26-35 while canceling claims 1-24. It is not clear what the status of claims 26-35 is. If applicant has elected claims 22-25, why then are there newly added claims 26-35? Applicant is required to state which invention is to be prosecuted and clarify what is happening with claims 26-35. If applicant believes that any of claims 26-35 are to be included with group V, then applicant needs to provide some explanation to the examiner as to why these claims correspond with group V and should be included with group V. Failure to remedy the above deficiencies will result in abandonment of the application. Two notices of non-responsive will not be sent.

Since the above mentioned response appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a time period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to correct the above noted deficiencies in the next response will result in the abandonment of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis Ruhl whose telephone number is 703-308-2262. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 703-308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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